



■ Georgia and Thea - Ashcombe House Captains 2023/24



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- 1. Sports Day, July 2023
- 2. Ashcombe have the moves! House Music
- 3. Zinnia (U3), 'Performer of the Day', House Gym
- 4. House Drama

Ashcombe has seen another fun-filled, successful year with much to celebrate and be proud of. We were excited to start the Autumn Term with our House Drama play, this year based around the story of *Carmen*. Everyone had worked very hard and after many rehearsals, we were placed 3rd overall. This was a great opportunity for everyone to take to the stage or tech and it was thoroughly enjoyed by all. A huge thank you to the wonderful team of U6, led by Saskia, for writing and directing such an incredible show. Alongside the drama, House Netball matches were played throughout the term by girls in all year groups and teams. After some very competitive games we unfortunately did not manage to place but all the girls involved found it great fun to play with girls outside their own year group.

On St Catherine's Day it was wonderful to see the girls in U3 and L4 triumph in the lacrosse, finishing 2nd overall! We were especially proud as some of them had only started playing lacrosse six weeks earlier! The Senior and U4/L5 teams played some very exciting matches resulting in both of them winning their playoffs. It was delightful to see everyone else getting involved on the sideline, supporting Ashcombe

so enthusiastically and enjoying the day just as much. There was plenty to get involved with in the Spring term with both the House Gymnastics and House Music underway. The entire House came together to form a choir and a band which was brilliantly led by Ruby and Emma. We performed *Mr Blue Sky* and *All of the Stars* and we placed 2nd overall thanks to everyone's enthusiasm - especially in our own rendition of *Mr Blue Sky* where we had a lot of fun with props and dance moves! We also won the prize for best arrangement for *Mr Blue Sky*. It was a challenging song to perform but due to good preparation from Ruby, we had the confidence to sing well together. House Gymnastics was also a success and we came away with an incredible overall result of 2nd. The L6 choreographed and taught the routines and the rest of the House enjoyed learning and performing them. Zinnia from U3 also won 'Performer of the Day' award for her courage and performance in the solo routine. The U5 all came together and created their own lively routine for Senior dance to *Friend Like Me* from *Aladdin* which was a favourite of many. In Long Parli, we won the Work Cup and we are very proud of everyone's academic efforts.

The Summer Term came around quickly and we were all ready for yet another action packed term. We were excited to get involved in the House tennis, athletics, quiz, swimming, cricket and art! Our proudest achievement this term being 1st in the Merit Cup and 1st in the Work Cup; a huge well done to everyone! Every Wednesday and Friday lunchtime, certain year groups went out to play cricket and tennis, followed by the rest of the House supporting them in the sun. It is always such a supportive atmosphere watching the players work as a team and everybody else cheering them on. Overall, we achieved an 3rd in U4/L5 tennis and 3rd in the joint senior cricket. House Quiz was great fun and much enjoyed by all. Unfortunately we came away with 6th place, but it was fantastic seeing so many of Ashcombe House participating. Finally, for Sports Day, the whole House was ready with their red face paint and lots of smiles. We were very happy with a 2nd in the Golden Mile trophy and 3rd in the House Athletics relay! In swimming, we achieved an amazing 1st in the Seniors, 5th in U4/L5 gala and 6th in the U3/L4 gala. We really appreciate everyone who took part in these events. Well done, Ashcombe, for an amazing year!